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VIA ECF

Honorable Katherine Polk Failla United States District Judge United States District Court Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007



Re: Bellocchio v. Garland, 21 Civ. 3280 (KPF)

Dear Judge Failla:

I write respectfully on behalf of Merrick B. Garland, sued in his official capacity as Attorney General of the United States (the "Government"), the defendant in the above-referenced case. Plaintiff commenced this case with the filing of the complaint on April 15, 2021. Dkt. No. 1. On May 10, 2021, the Court scheduled an initial conference for July 1, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. and ordered that the parties to confer and submit a proposed case management plan by today. Dkt. No. 5. However, because Plaintiff served the Government on May 25, 2021, the Government's response to the complaint is not due until July 26, 2021. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(2). In the interest of efficiency, the Government respectfully requests that the initial conference and the deadline for proposed case management plan be adjourned until after the Government files its responsive pleading on July 26. This is the Government's first request for an adjournment of these dates and Plaintiff consents to the request.

The Government thanks the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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Application GRANTED. The initial pretrial conference scheduled for July 1, 2021, is hereby ADJOURNED to August 13, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. The parties' joint letter and Proposed Civil Case Management Plan and Scheduling Order will be due on or before August 5, 2021.

Dated: June 24, 2021

New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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